



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

With more than 107 courses coming up this fall we are in for another exciting semester. Our LIR is going into its 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2011. The 20th Anniversary Committee is hard at work planning a number of events to help us celebrate 20 years of learning, enjoyment, and growth in our membership.

We will be experiencing some changes because of the construction going on in Rose Hall in the fall and Wood Hall in the spring but new experiences are usually positive –and we need to challenge ourselves. The classrooms at SS Peter and Paul that we will be using are about the same size as our University classrooms. We are pleased that the parking is so convenient. We expect to be moving back to Rose Hall in the spring but we will continue to reserve the off-campus classrooms. Our off-campus Coordinators may be a little nervous about using the media equipment without Media Services at their elbow but they will be attending a training session before school resumes – and they will be “pros” by the time the semester begins. The equipment at the Neville Public Museum will be much easier to operate because we have worked with the Neville to install a new audio system and a better projection system. Our coordinators will be trained to operate that equipment also.

Although our course presenters and course coordinators are our most visible volunteers, there are numerous other volunteer opportunities available in LIR. If you haven't gotten involved, this is a good time to do so because our Volunteer Development Committee (VDC) is hard at work reviewing every LIR volunteer position, including that of coordinators, office helpers, committee members, and special project workers. The outcome of this review will be a realistic breakdown of the number of volunteers needed, the work involved, and the time commitment required for each job, to help you decide what position would best fit your background, interests, talents and time available. The VDC will also be training new volunteers –so come “get your feet wet” as a volunteer for LIR and learn how rewarding and fun it can be.

The Travel Committee has recently become an independent committee, combining the “It’s Happening”, National and International travel committees. At this time we need people who want to help organize and decide how this new Travel committee will function, **and** we particularly need people to decide and plan our 2011 International trip. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this committee. We want people who enjoy setting up the committee structure, as well as people who want to plan trips. Call or email Joyce Dirschl, 920-339-9215, [jdirschl@new.rr.com](mailto:jdirschl@new.rr.com).

**DRUM ROLE PLEASE**—we are now able to register for courses on line as well as by mail — and we will continue the “random scrambling” registration process that gives everyone an equal chance to get into the courses they prefer. That lottery process, combined with the 8-course limit on initial registrations, has proven effective in helping us get nearly 1,000 people set up in 107+ courses every semester. The catalog will be on line and was mailed about July 15 with full instructions for registering. Credit cards will be welcome. In addition to the catalog, there will be an independent flyer in the mail listing two computer courses that came in too late to get printed in the catalog. In addition, we will be sending you information about 3 new offerings by the University’s Gerontology Center. Two of the offerings are one-hour lectures on topics pertinent to “seniors” and the third is a “Conflict/Resolution Seminar.” We will be working with the Gerontology Center to continue to present offerings of interest to you.

Joyce Dirschl  
President, UWGB LIR

### **IF YOU LIKE TO SING...**

- If you like to sing (and are pretty good at it)
- If you are comfortable with SATB (mixed chorus) music
- If you can come to daytime rehearsals twice a month beginning in September, 2010

Consider joining the LIR 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chorale! We would like to assemble a balanced group (men and women) of up to 30 singers. We also URGENTLY need an Assistant Conductor and two piano accompanists. Can you help?

The chorale will provide music for the celebration that marks the founding of Learning in Retirement at UW-Green Bay. The celebration is scheduled for September 7, 2011, at the Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay. This festive gathering will begin a year of commemorative activities.

For information, call or e-mail Betty Brown (920) 406-1754, [bete25@aol.com](mailto:bete25@aol.com). There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 31, at 3p.m., at the Neville Public Museum auditorium. Please come and be a part of a memorable experience.

### **LIR NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS**

There are many wonderful photos that members have taken at LIR events. We would like these for the LIR archives, newsletter, and our web site. If you have any digital photos that you are willing to share, e-mail them: full sized” to Ed Smith: [edsmith000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edsmith000@sbcglobal.net). Don’t worry if they aren’t perfect. We can work with them with Photoshop, if necessary. Thanks to all who are willing to contribute.

The Communication Committee

## **NEW FACES AND NEW PLACES**

We are about to begin our 19<sup>th</sup> year as the Learning in Retirement organization affiliated with UW-Green Bay. This year will bring us new faces as well as new places.

The new faces will include the new co-chair of curriculum, Bob Fass. New members of the curriculum team will include Ron Ross, Sue Sorenson, and Sharon Vlotho. We are looking forward to the new courses we have to offer and to the additional new and exciting courses for our spring semester. If any member has an idea for a course or presenter please contact anyone on the curriculum team for consideration for the spring semester.

This fall we will also be using new places for our courses. We have rented two classrooms at Sts. Peter and Paul school for the fall semester and possibly the spring semester. These rooms will replace the two rooms in Rose Hall. The rooms we will have at Sts. Peter and Paul school are located on the first floor with no steps to climb and with easy access from the parking on the playground areas just off University Ave. There will also be street parking available. We are trying to make these rooms as comfortable as our previous rooms and the two sound systems from Rose Hall will be moved to these new rooms.

Renovations to Rose Hall will be taking place directly above the rooms we had been using. These renovations by UWGB will create excessive noise making it impossible to conduct classes in these rooms. We will still be using Wood Hall 116/118, Harmony Café, the Ecumenical Center, and Neville Museum.

In the spring semester we will lose the classrooms at Wood Hall as well as our office space as a total renovation of Wood Hall will be undertaken. After the renovation is complete we will be assigned a new classroom, hopefully, and a new permanent office.

Our LIR library, which had been located in Wood Hall 114, will be moved to Sts. Peter and Paul in Room 108. The library will be open the same hours that the classrooms are open. We will also be moving our bulletin boards from Rose Hall into our rooms at Sts. Peter and Paul. We thank you for your cooperation and willingness to continue to participate in our excellent course offerings even with the changes in locations. We look forward to another successful year in 2010 and are looking forward to planning for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary starting in the fall of 2011.

Weston Carvenough  
Curriculum Co-Chair

## **FAMILIAR FACES BY BARBARA OTTO**

Dennis and La Von Rader don't have to wait until the "Sweet Hereafter" to experience paradise—they are living there in this life. In 1979, they purchased five wooded acres in Suamico, complete with a pond, and built their lovely home. A deer-protected vegetable garden and multiple flowers grace the property. An 1895 log cabin was moved and reassembled on their property after its discovery during a Green Bay construction project. They raised their two sons in this beautiful setting. Their sons now live in Chicago. The oldest of three brothers, Dennis was born and raised on a Marathon, WI farm where, he says, "I learned the value of hard work, practical problem solving, and an appreciation of nature." He spent his high school years at Holy Cross Seminary in La Crosse, WI, followed by four years of college. He relates: "I am fortunate to have pursued my graduate studies in theology in Rome during 3 of the 4 years of the Vatican Council which exposed me to some of the most forward thinking theologians and leaders of the Catholic revival in the '60's." It is this solid theological background which allows him to share his knowledge with LIR members who enroll in various courses dealing with religious and Middle East issues. In the spring of 2011, he will be leading the third LIR study group to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel.



After returning to the U.S., he was employed by the diocese of La Crosse for 4 years before making the decision to enter graduate school to prepare for a career in labor law. He earned his Master's Degree in Industrial Relations as well as a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. Halfway thru law school, he was hired by a Milwaukee law firm focusing on Management public-sector labor law. Upon graduation, he and La Von moved to Green Bay where he opened an office for the Milwaukee firm. He eventually specialized in School Law, which he practiced until his retirement in April, 2005.

In addition to this active involvement in LIR Dennis has served on various non-profit boards including the Green Bay Community Council, the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, among others. Retirement allows Dennis and La Von to devote more time to community volunteering, a life-long passion of both.

His "bucket list" includes becoming fluent in Spanish and shooting a deer with a bow and arrow. Presently his reading interest tends to involve books dealing with futuristic thinking: what kind of a world we might expect to eventually exist. He and La Von are members of multiple discussion groups.

He has regularly taught classes on international travel and scriptural theology. Dennis has served on the Curriculum Committee and was the LIR liaison to the UWGB Retiree Association. Recently he was elected to the Steering Committee of LIR. He is a charter member of "The Mother Earth News." He is presently working on family genealogy and wants to complete writing his memoirs.

Dennis has inherited his great-great-grandfather's interest in bee-keeping and has five active hives. Maple "syruping" keeps him active in the spring. Committed to "going green" he has installed solar hot water heating. Converting to geothermal heating and a photovoltaic electrical generation system is in the works. His goal is to have WPS pay him!



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